University Grants Commission notified Regulations for minimum qualifications for appointment to the post of Lecturers, Readers and Professors in Universities and Colleges, effective from 1-7-1983. The qualification prescribed by the U.G.C. in the above Regulations have generally been adopted by the Central Universities.

The scheme of revision of pay scales for teachers in Universities and Colleges and other measures for maintenance of standards in Higher Education communicated to the State Governments dated 17-6-1987, as amended on 22-7-1988, lays down that recruitment to the posts of Lecturers, Readers and Professors in Universities and Colleges shall be on the basis of merit through All India advertisement and selection. The scheme has modified the minimum qualifications for appointment of Lecturers. However, these are yet to be finalised and notified by the U.G.C.

The scheme for revision of scales of pay of University and College teachers also prescribes that only those candidates, who, besides fulfiling the minimum academic qualifications prescribed for the post of Lecturers, have qualified in a comprehensive test, to be specially conducted for the purpose, will be eligible for appointment of Lecturers. The detailed scheme for conducting the test is being worked out by the U.G.C.

(b) and (c) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Retiring rooms at Railway Stations

1423. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of retiring rooms available at railway stations, zonewise, as on the 31st December, 1988;

(b) what are the earnings of railways on account of rent from the retiring rooms realised during the current financial year, till December, 1988; and

(c) what are the corresponding figures of the earnings of the Railways on this account during 1986-87 and 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Profit/Loss of ITDC

1424. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is total amount of profit or loss suffered by the Indian Tourism Development Corporation during 1987-88 and the current financial year, till January 31, 1989;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open more ITDC hotels in various States during the next financial year; and

(c) if so, what are the details ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Net profit earned by ITDC during 1987-88 and in the current financial year upto 31st Jan ... r:-

Year	Rupees in lakhs
1987-88.	
1988-89 (Upto 31 Jan 89)	632·59 (Prov)

(b) and (c) ITDS's Annual Plan 1989-90 does not include any provision for opening new hotel in the country. However, the following on-going Hotel

Projects are likely to be completed during 1989-90:-

A. ITDC's own Project

31 room hotel project at Gulmarg (J&K)

B. Joint Venture Projects

(i) 47-room hotel projeet at Bhopal (MP)
(ii) 20-room hotel Project at Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh)

Persons Killed / injured in Air Crashes

1425. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to State:

(a) what is the number of air crashes which took place during 1986-87, 1987-88 and from April, 1988 till January 31, 1989;

(b) what is the number of persons killed and injured during these crashes;

(c) what is the amount of compensation paid to the kith and kin of the persons killed and injured; and

(d) what were the causes of these crashes, according to the enquiries conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) During 1986-87, 1987-88 and April 88 to 31st January, 1989, the total number of accidents were 17, 8 and 17 respectively.

(b) During the period, 191 persons were killed and 10 persons were injured.

(c) Indian Airlines have paid compensation of Rs. 2 lakhs each in case of 53 passengers and Rs. 1 lakh each in case of 5 passengers. In case of 3 internal passengers, two have been paid US$ 20,000 each and one US$ 10,000. Vayudoot is giving compensation at a rate of Rs. 2 lakhs for passengers above twelve and Rs. 1 lakh for a passenger below 12 years of age. The injured are paid Rs. 200 per day subject to a ceiling of Rs. 40,000 /-. Pawan Hans Limited is giving a compensation of Rs. 3 lakhs for each passenger killed while in case of injury, compensation is dependent on nature of injury and disability.

(d) A statement is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No.79].

Abolition of Dock Labour Boards

1426. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4034 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to abolish the Dock Labour Boards and to create authority for the proper and speedy handling of cargo at various ports; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New pay-scales recommended for university teachers

1427. SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE. DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee appointed to look into the pay-scales of the university teachers has recommended new pay-scales for the University teachers;